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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Under the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-426), which became law May 13, the National Library of Medicine has received additional Fiscal Year 1966 funds totaling $4 million for grant and contract support projects under the Medical Library Assistance Act (P.L. 89-291).

The funds are allocated as follows: research and development projects, $1 million; training, $700,000; special scientific projects, $100,000; publications, $200,000; and resource support grants, $2 million.

Policy and information statements, together with applications for most of the programs, are available upon request to: Associate Director for Extramural Programs, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR ELECTED MLA VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr. Adams

Scott Adams, Deputy Director of the Library, was elected Vice-President (President-Elect) of the Medical Library Association on June 7, during the group's 65th Annual Meeting in Boston. Other NLM staff members who will serve the MLA during the coming year are: Dr. John B. Blake, Chief, History of Medicine Division; (Miss) Elizabeth J. Sawyers, Head, Acquisition Section, Technical Services Division; (Mrs.) Maxine K. Hanke, Special Assistant to the Associate Director for Extramural Programs; (Miss) Winifred Sewell, Chief, Drug Literature Program; and (Mrs.) Ann R. Lindsay, Cataloging Section, TSD.

Two major sessions of the MLA meeting focused on NLM programs and services: "MEDLARS and the Index Medicus: Initial User Appraisals," chaired by Irwin H. Pizer, Director of the Library and Assistant Professor of Medical History, State University of New York Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse; and "The Medical Library Assistance Act of 1965: Its Status and Opportunities" presided over by Mrs. Mildred C. Langner, MLA President. In addition, Winifred Sewell discussed "MEDLARS Surveys on Adverse Reactions" before the MLA Pharmacy Libraries Group, and Miss Ellen B. Wells, NLM History of Medicine Division, organized and chaired the History of Medicine luncheon.

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EXTRAMURAL PROGRAMS REORGANIZED

Dr. Martin M. Cummings, Director of the NLM, has announced a reorganization of the Library's Extramural Programs which have responsibility for the administration of the Medical Library Assistance Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-291).

Headed by the Associate Director for EP, Dr. Marjorie P. Wilson, these programs now comprise three divisions: a newly established Facilities and Resources Division, and the existing Research and Training Division and Publications and Translations Division. Chiefs of the EP Divisions will be named in a later issue of the NLM News.

NLM HOSTS HISTORY OF MEDICINE CONFERENCE

The First Conference on the History of Medicine, sponsored by the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation in cooperation with the National Library of Medicine, will be held June 22-24 at the Library.

Participants will include a score of noted physicians, medical scientists, and historians from throughout the United States. Theme of the conference will be "Education in the History of Medicine."

The program, consisting of four discussion panels, will begin at an opening night dinner June 22 with a welcome by Dr. John Z. Bowers, President of the Macy Foundation, and Dr. John B. Blake, Chief of NLM's History of Medicine Division. Dr. Lloyd G. Stevenson, Chairman, Department of History of Science and Medicine, Yale University School of Medicine, and chairman of the conference, will present a keynote address on "The Role of Medical History in the Education of Physicians."

Proceedings of the conference will be published later this year.

MARAT COLLECTION PRESENTED TO NLM

Dr. Stanhope Bayne-Jones, Brigadier General (ret.), U. S. Army Reserve Medical Corps, and Chairman of the Advisory Editorial Board on the History of Preventive Medicine in the U. S. Army in World War II, recently presented to the Library his collection of publications by and on Jean-Paul Marat (1743-1793).

The gift includes eight contemporary works by the French physician and revolutionary. Dr. John B. Blake, Chief, History of Medicine Division, noted among these particularly interesting additions to the NLM collections, the Recherches physiques sur l'électricité (Paris, 1782), Mémoire sur l'électricité médicale (Paris, 1784), and Notions élémentaires d'optique (Paris, 1784).

Dr. Bayne-Jones, one of NLM's most distinguished scholars in residence during the past several years, is working with other military medical specialists on the writing and editing of the forthcoming History of Preventive Medicine in the U. S. Army. The Library has already received a number of gifts from Dr. Bayne-Jones - for example, the two-volume Nouveau voyage aux isles de l'Amérique of Jean Baptiste Labat (1663-1738), which was published in La Haye in 1724, and a first edition of Francesco Redi's Esperienze intorno alla generazione degl'insetti (Firenze, 1668), a work of fundamental significance in the history of theories of generation.

LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARDS -- Shown with the Director are six employees who received 10-and 20-year service awards in a ceremony May 18. (L to R) Mrs. Stella F. Schehl, Mrs. Viola E. Torain, Mr. Howard P. Drew, Dr. Marjorie P. Wilson, Dr. Cummings, Miss Gloria Grant, and Mr. Robert J. Cason. Other awardees were Mr. Scott Adams, Mr. George W. Queen, and Mr. James D. Lawrence.

PUBLICATIONS

The published proceedings of the John Shaw Billings Centennial will be available on or about July 1, 1966. The Centennial, held June 17, 1965, commemorated the assignment of Dr. Billings as head of the Library of the Surgeon General's Office (U.S. Army), forerunner of the National Library of Medicine.

The 78-page volume contains addresses by Representative John E. Fogarty of Rhode Island, Representative Leo W. O'Brien of New York (speaking on behalf of Representative Oren Harris of Arkansas), and Senator Lister Hill of Alabama.

Also included are three papers recounting Dr. Billings' life and career. The papers are by Dr. Jean A. Curran, Professor Emeritus of the History of Medicine, State University of New York; Bess Furman, former Washington newspaperwoman and author; and Dr. Frank B. Rogers, Librarian of the Denison Memorial Library, University of Colorado Medical Center, and former Director of NLM.

The publication, illustrated with pictures of Dr. Billings and photographs of the Centennial observance, will be available free on request to the Office of the Assistant to the Director, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014.

NLM GETS TWX FACILITIES

The Library has acquired Teletypewriter Exchange Service (TWX) facilities and is cooperating with the Medical Interlibrary Communication Exchange System (MICES) in servicing interlibrary loan requests via TWX.

MICES was established by the Bowman Gray School of Medicine Library, Wake Forest College; the Duke University Medical Center Library; the University of North Carolina Health Affairs Library; the Tompkins-McCaw Library, Medical College of Virginia; and the University of Virginia Medical Library.

Interlibrary communication via TWX is open to all members of the library community. More than 100 libraries, public and private, now have TWX facilities. Standards and format for ILL requests to NLM via TWX are available on request to: Chief, Reference Services Division, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014.

SUMMER HOURS

The Library is now open to the public daily, Monday through Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will be closed evenings, Sundays, Independence Day, Monday, July 4, and Labor Day, Monday, September 5. Regular hours will be resumed on Tuesday, September 6.

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